

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 8, 10, and 11 are pending in this application. Claims 10 and 11 are amended, and Claims 7 and 9 are canceled by the present amendment. Claims 1-6 and 12-27 were previously canceled.

Amendments to the claims find support in the application as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over JP 10-042181 to Yoshihiro in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,784,100 to Konishi; Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Yoshihiro in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,905,533 to Hidari; and Claims 8, 10, and 11 are allowed.

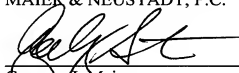
Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of Claims 8, 10, and 11. Accordingly, Claims 10 and 11 are amended to recite features of independent Claims 7 and 9, which are canceled.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 8, 10, and 11 are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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